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N. Y. AUTHORITIES ASK MARTENS BE EJECTED FROM U.S.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Transcripts of the testimony of Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, the "German ambassador," given before the Tamm investigating commission last week, will be submitted to the state department with a request for deportation, Deputy Attorney General Borer announced today.

Martens will be examined again by the committee next Tuesday, and S. Nunnery, secretary of the "embassy," also will be questioned.

PRINTERS ORDER BIG SIX, N. Y., TO RETURN TO WORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—A mandate issued by the executive council of the National Society of Typographical Union, No. 6 back to work, was accepted by a vote of 7 to 1, at a meeting of "big six" today.

Leaders of the insurgent element in the union announced they would decide tomorrow whether to defy the international or return to work.

WARN CATHOLICS AGAINST RADICAL FEELING, MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Saturday, Nov. 22.—Catholics throughout Mexico were warned today against radicalism, as represented by "socialism and communism," in collective national letters signed by eight archbishops and twenty bishops. These letters will be read in all Catholic churches Sunday.

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C. M. BELSHAW, EX-SENATOR, KILLED, AUTO

Wife and Two Friends Also Victims of Accident

ONCE MEMBER OF PRISON BOARD

Belshaw Formerly President of Native Sons; Active in Politics

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—Charles M. Belshaw, former president of the Native Sons of the Golden West, a member of the state legislature for fourteen years and a leading figure in the Republican party in California, was killed today when his automobile rolled several hundred feet down a cliff near Half Moon Bay, forty miles south of San Francisco.

Mrs. Belshaw and Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood, who were with him in the machine, also lost their lives in the accident. Sherwood was a wealthy real estate man of Spokane.

The two women were killed outright. Belshaw died on the way to the hospital and Sherwood died on the operating table early tonight.

Before his death, Belshaw, in a statement, said an approaching light or car for which Belshaw attempted to make room to pass, struck the outer edge of the road. Other witnesses reported that the Belshaw machine was on the cliff.

The accident happened in the middle of the afternoon on the scenic road which winds around a cliff overlooking the ocean just south of Rockaway Beach. Belshaw's automobile rolled over down the hillside and was demolished.

Belshaw was born in Fiddletown, Amador county, California, March 11, 1861, and was graduated from Harvard in 1887.

He served in both houses of the California legislature, was at one time a member of the state board of prison directors and in 1914 was contestant for the Republican nomination for governor against Brian W. Johnson.

At the time of his death, he was chairman of the committee on the Native Sons looking after the welfare of homeless children. He was also head of the committee in charge in the building of the Native Sons of the Golden West building in San Francisco.

For many years Mr. Belshaw lived in San Francisco and represented Contra Costa county in the legislature. Later he moved to San Francisco. He had large ranch properties near Antioch and mining interests in Plumas county and was vice president of the Western States Life Insurance Company of San Francisco and president of the Belshaw Wire House Company.

The Sherwoods arrived in San Francisco two weeks ago. Mr. Sherwood was a daughter of Joseph Spencer Cone, one of California's first railroad commissioners when that body formed in 1879.

The Cones were a well-known pioneer family of Red Bluff, owners of extensive interests in Tehama county.

Prominent, Spokane

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 23.—Mrs. J. H. Belshaw, wife of the late Charles M. Belshaw, was prominent in women's organizations of this city. She was one of the local leaders in the Red Cross.

Mr. Belshaw was a graduate from Harvard in the class of 1887. He came West soon afterward and since has been active in business and civic affairs of this city.

He was one of the original incorporators of the Washington Water Power Company in 1889 and a director of the company for many years.

His mother and two brothers live in New York. His father having died some years ago.

ANGELES SAID TO BE ALIVE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Private advice from Mexico City today indicated General Felipe Angeles, Villa chief, had not been executed as reported last night from San Antonio and that powerful efforts were being made to save his life.

Unveil I. W. W. Plan for Strike in Alaska

SEATTLE, Nov. 22.—That he had positive evidence in his possession showing conclusively that I. W. W. had planned a general strike in Alaska with a view to paralyzing industry, was the assertion made by Governor Thomas R. Riles of Alaska, speaking at a banquet of Arlie Club here last night.

Governor Riles declared that one of the territory's greatest needs a constabulary operating with patrol boats on the coast and dog teams in the interior.

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 23.—General Denline, commander of anti-Bolshevik troops on the southern Russian front, claims to have broken through the red lines between the Ural and Tannu, southeast of Moscow, and to have annihilated 50,000 Bolshevik troops, according to a Helsinki dispatch to the Svenska Dagblad.

ITALIAN PAPERS RAP FILIBUSTER

Jugo-Slavs at Spalato are Preparing to Resist

d'Annunzio

ROME, Saturday, Nov. 22.—Disapproval of Captain d'Annunzio's expedition against Zara, as expressed by the entire Italian press, was shown by the Italian press.

Major Giurati, an Italian officer, who has been with the forces along the Dalmatian coast, has arrived here and distributed to the press a statement saying d'Annunzio's act was necessary, because he feared Italy would withdraw troops from Zara and thereby starve at the mercy of the Jugo Slavs.

VENICE, Saturday, Nov. 22.—A Serbian force of picked men, 12,000 strong, has been sent to Spalato, ready to oppose d'Annunzio if he approaches that city, according to information reaching Admiral Andrews, commander of the American forces in the Adriatic.

The American commander is in wireless communication with the entire Dalmatian coast. Since the Zara expedition of d'Annunzio, according to the reports, tranquility has prevailed everywhere.

ROME, Saturday, Nov. 23.—The course pursued by Rear Admiral Enrico Millo, commander of the Italian fleet, in his expedition against Zara, is condemned in a semi-official statement today. The statement says:

The government disapproves the action of Rear Admiral Millo, which was entirely of a political nature and exceeded his authority. He will remain at his post, pending decision by the government, which will do its utmost to prevent other contemplated expeditions.

GENOVA, Nov. 23.—Gabriel d'Annunzio is preparing for occupation of the whole of Dalmatia, Belshaw said today. Formerly, Belshaw has sent a delegation to Belgrade to request energetic measures by the Serbian government against d'Annunzio's projects.

The Jugo Slav population of Zara is reported to be in revolt. They have taken the town on the entrance of the Italians.

HOLD CROSSING NOT NECESSARY

Railroad Commission Denies Appeal of Supervisors

Holding that public necessity does not demand a crossing at Magnolia avenue and that suitable country roads can be constructed which will take care of the public needs without the necessity of a railroad crossing, the railroad commission today denied the application of the supervisors of Fresno county for a crossing over the tracks of the Southern Pacific at Magnolia.

The commission granted the request of the Fresno supervisors for a public highway crossing over the tracks of the Southern Pacific at Marks avenue, about one mile north-west of Corralville.

COLOGNE, Nov. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Germany's industrial situation continues to be a paramount problem for public discussion. Almost every newspaper in the country has been devoting one or two columns daily to suggestions and criticisms of the industrial policies adopted by the national assembly.

No relief is in sight, so far as the editors have been able to foresee, owing to the coal shortage, lack of transportation and the scarcity of raw materials still to be found.

The demand for rubber and rubber products appears to be increasing, particularly in the market. Prohibitive prices have been paid recently in Cologne and other Rhine cities by dealers from the interior of Germany for old automobile and bicycle tires.

Millions of marks worth of salvaged tires have been sold by the American, French and British army authorities in Germany, but this supply apparently has not relieved the demand in the least.

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Radicalism Encouraged By Russian Turmoil—Emperor Charles of Austria Gained Ludendorff's Enmity.

By GENERAL ERICH LUDENDORFF

On November 21, 1918, the Emperor Francis Joseph passed to his long rest. The collection of the people of the double monarchy and depended on him. He had not, it is true, succeeded in giving new life to the monarchy, for the advisers whom he chose were not strong enough for the task. He was a loyal friend of the alliance with Italy, but he was not strong enough to make it a permanent fixture. He was not strong enough to make it a permanent fixture. He was not strong enough to make it a permanent fixture.

At the beginning of April, 1918, the anniversary of Field-Marshal von Hindenburg's entry into the service was celebrated at Krynau. I made a short speech on that occasion, and I was surprised to find that the Emperor had been so kind as to send me a letter. In this letter, he expressed his confidence in me, and he asked me to continue my work. I was very grateful for this, and I felt that I was in a position to do so.

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# REVOLT IN SIBERIA

## Czecho General Is Prisoner in Hands of Omsk Government

VLADIVOSTOK, Tuesday, Nov. 22.—(By The Associated Press.)—A Russian general, 56 years of age, Czecho, general, until this morning the most dramatic figure developed during the Russian revolution, was captured by the Omsk government.

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# SCORE DIE WHEN FIRE SPREADS TO LA. DANCE HALL

VILLE PLATTE, La., Nov. 22.—(By The Associated Press.)—A fire in a building here where a dance was in progress, caused a panic. Many of the bodies are believed to be still in the structure.

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# DEVELOP NEW WAR DEVICES

## Experts Join in Experiment on Ordnance and Fortification

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Military and civilian experts are collaborating in an effort to perfect certain new devices for offensive operations, according to the annual report of the board of ordnance and fortification made public today.

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# CARRANZA SEEKS TO AFFRONT U. S., SAYS SENATOR

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# HART'S SQUARE MEAL



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You will always find Hart's open to fill your wants. We can always satisfy your hunger with the particular dish that you like. The variety of dishes we prepare is chosen to satisfy almost every taste, and we make an effort to please everyone who likes good clean food, appetizingly prepared.

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Brief Editorial  
Fancies, Selected

The two New York boys who were suspended from school for refusing to salute the American flag, have been suspended over the teacher's knee and ranked into double suspension for standing—Washington Post.

Since the billion in the silver dollar is worth more than the face value of the coin, Bryan, possibly, will consider the value of the dollar as a unit of the nation's credit—San Bernardino Sun.

We have respect for the "stick man" when he robs you of his money. He is a man of the world, and he knows that a "little more money" because there is a great shortage of "raw material"—Reading Security.

Says the Los Angeles Times: "The largest orange grove in the world, covering 2,000 acres, is in the hands of the United Fruit company, which has a monopoly of the fruit in the world. Likewise of 2,000 acres, it is in the hands of the United Fruit company, which has a monopoly of the fruit in the world."

The rice growers who have almost but not quite harvested their crop, should forget Buddha and the rest of the gods and turn a pump at the shrine of J. P. Phyllis—Chicago Enterprise.

The salaried man feels a deep sympathy for the poor, who are burdened with the task of spending eight dollars every day—Savannah Star.

The worst hat at length happened in the progress of the high cost of living, Chinese noodles have gone up—Los Angeles Times.

Some of our most deserving murderers, when they are hanged, are in the best. There is no longer any curiosity concerning the brand the breath is favored with. The wretched themselves admit that it is a bit of a hot breath—Los Angeles Times.

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PLAN FIGHT IN FIRST DISTRICT

Republicans Announce Hays to Visit California Spring

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22.—(By The Associated Press.)—The first California congressional district for the Republicans was held here today at a conference of party leaders.

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# HEAR ANGELES IS EXECUTED

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# An "a-la-King" sauce Is easy to make

—if you use Sego to insure that smooth creaminess that is the whole secret of a perfect "a la King" mixture. Butter and flour smoothly blended; Sego Milk and water, half and half—brought to the boiling point—added to the flour and butter, stirring constantly while it cooks to the consistency of thick cream.

Pimientos, green peppers finely minced; mushrooms, paprika, a dash of salt—and finally the shredded chicken.

You can be certain your luncheon dish will turn out well if you use Sego—for Sego gives the creamy quality that spells success in all cookery.

Be sure—tell your grocer you want Sego Milk. And see that you get it. To use Sego is to know evaporated milk in its best form.

Steel Strikers, Youngstown, Secure Prosecution of Syndicalists

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Nov. 22.—(By The Associated Press.)—The steel strikers' committee for the Youngstown district, which has been in existence for some time, has secured the prosecution of syndicalists.

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# RUSS REDS INVITE KOREANS TO JOIN

Urge Revolution in Bolshevik Proclamation to Orientals

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# Stories of Adventure and Love

## A Change In His Perception

By Abner Anthony

SURELY if he had stopped to think, Ralph Cochran would not have asked Jeffrey Blake home with him, but running across him in the homeward surge of the great city's populace, he could not resist the temptation of having his old chum spend the evening with him. Under other circumstances perhaps Jeffrey also would have hesitated. He was uncertain how he would take it to see Ernestine, another man's wife, even though that man was Ralph Cochran. "Unexpected company! Rule three broken!" groaned Ralph suddenly. "What in—?" began Jeffrey. "The tragedy and the comedy of my married life! It's the mostly tragedy if it wasn't for Ciss. She's the only one that isn't afraid."

"You've changed some, old chum. You used to talk intelligently. Has happiness gone to your head? And how is Ernestine?" Jeffrey tried to make the inquiry sound casual.

"It's this everlasting trying to toe the mark that's gone to my head," said Ralph. "Ernestine's never anything but all right. Now ask about Ciss. I have a suspicion that there's just one

man in the world for her."

"There's nothing so remarkable about that. Let's smoke."

Ralph shook his head. "Don't. She'd smell it."

"You've not given that up? I say!"

"Rule one," grimaced Ralph. "But, Jeff, why don't you take an interest in Ciss?"

"Frankly, Ralph, I never could even see that shock-headed cousin of Ernestine's. I detect a woman who doesn't keep herself up to the notch. Her hands are generally grubby. Why, I remember Ciss coming to one of the picnics with the top of her shoe fastened with a safety pin where she'd lost the buttons off. And you can champion Ciss when you have such a model as Ernestine!"

"Ernestine never in all her particular life had a single hair of her head out of order. I suppose all the men were so crazy about her because she seemed to embody all the virtues of the model woman of all time. But, old boy, you don't have to live up to all this perfection."

"More the pity!" said Jeffrey in an undertone.

"But Ciss was only a kid then," continued Ralph. "I remember it. She sat down on her feet and wouldn't join in anything until I warned out the reason. She said the buttons burst off when she was being played crack the whip. She didn't start out to the picnic that way."

They stopped before a small neat house.

"It's muddy, so we'll go the back way," explained Ralph. "That's rule 5. And clean your feet on this mat—rule 6."

"You seem to live by rule," joked Jeff.

"I do," replied Ralph. "And Ernestine lives by ruling. Observe the slip of paper tacked to the kitchen door; likewise, there is one next to my chiffonier. Those are the Ernestine rules that shape my course of conduct."

"For pity's sake, Ralph! What are you doing out there?" interrupted a high-pitched voice that failed to recall the Ernestine Jeff had been re-getting. "Are you scraping the mat to pieces? You've been there long enough to let the supper get cold."

"I've brought Jeffrey Blake with me," Ernestine said, with the hint

of an apology in his voice. "I ran across him just as I was boarding my train."

Jeffrey's watchful eye detected the flash of anger Ernestine sent her husband before she turned and shook hands with him. As he sat in the proper parlor while Ernestine made hurried changes in the supper, he heard her shrill voice calling at Ralph. "Rule 3 says that you're never to bring company without my consent," she nagged. Ralph's reply was inaudible. "Don't sit there looking at me. It's enough for you to bring home company and making me a lot of extra work without sitting there watching me and making me nervous! Cut some more bread—thin, mind you, and don't get crumbs all over everything."

Jeffrey shifted uncomfortably in his chair. Could this be the adorable, primly perfect little Ernestine?

"Hang it! I can't stay here," muttered Jeff, starting for the door leading to the porch.

Just then Ernestine appeared to announce supper. She carefully set in place the chair Jeff had just vacated, straightened a rug and folded the pa-

per he had tossed aside before she led the way to the table.

The supper was excellent, but it was not an enjoyable meal. Ralph splashed a speck of gravy on the fresh cloth, which brought forth a horrified exclamation from Ernestine. Jeffrey was awkwardly uncomfortable, fearing a like mishap, with the result that he upset his cup of coffee. He longed to get up and run. He wondered how he could spend an evening in this home. Home? Prison—house of correction, rather. At the thought a whimsical smile twisted his face.

But relief came. It slammed in through the front door in spite of Ernestine's "It's muddy! Go to the back door!"

"I will not!" replied a ringing voice. "I never expect you to go to my back door, and won't go to yours. Hello, Ralph! Why—the color slowly receded from the girl's face and then flooded it full tide—"It's Jeff!"

Gleams of mist glistened on the hair that was still as frowns and stubborn as Jeff remembered it of old. Her blouse was loose and fell away from a brown throat; her cheeks were thick soiled, low heeled—as great a contrast

as ever to the immaculate Ernestine, as he thought as he greeted her.

"You know my rules, Ciss, and yet you track up the front way with your muddy feet," complained Ernestine. "I don't give a farthing for your rules, and my feet aren't muddy. I just came over for a second, so don't try to 'rule' me, Ernestine. I want to know if you will come to my house tomorrow to help sew on soldiers' things."

"Tomorrow's my sweeping day, and I want to start on a silk dress for myself. You know I never let anything interfere with my own work."

"Then, I'm off. I've got a stack of work ahead of me tonight. There's so much real work for us women these days that I'm trying to get rid of my little personal tasks in the evening so as to leave a big chunk of the day free. It's good to have seen you again, Jeff. Not so fast!" cried Jeff. "I've got to be going, too, so let me walk on with you."

"For heaven's sake tell me what are the rules?" he asked, drawing a long breath as he put her gloves, caloused little hand under his arm. "I'm fed up on them. Am I dreaming or

are they real?"

"They're real enough," replied Ciss. "Ernestine threatened to leave him if he doesn't stop breaking them."

"Ralph needs a sympathetic wife," she went on. "He's not awfully strong. There ought to be a restful living room full of worn easy chairs hollowed into shape from much sitting in them and soft lights and a table strewn with books and papers and children around. He adores them, but Ernestine thinks they're too much trouble and get a house too dirty! I oughtn't to talk so, but I do get worked up when I see what Ernestine's doing to Ralph!"

"And what if a fellow brought home unexpected company on a muddy then flooded it full tide—"It's Jeff!"

"Well, what if he did? Is it the woman's home alone? She has company when she wants it. The days are hers. Why can't she let the husband have the evenings? Lighted windows and open doors offering to share the home spirit is what I'd want in my home!"

"Oh, Ciss, I see the gleam of such a great happiness ahead of us that it makes me tremble," whispered Jeff, as he squeezed the calloused little hand.

## An Appreciated Mistake

By Joella Johnson

AS she slowly closed the door of her dreary little room and flung herself on the couch she looked this very personification of the weather.

Gray and stormy the day had been; and now, lying in the gathering twilight, disdaining moist shoes and clinging garments, Gertrude Tyler gave way to a mood of mingled depression and rebellion.

"I hate it! The weather—the work. Such a day!" she muttered. "And what do I find at the end? A dark, lonely room as ugly as the office. Nobody to talk to! Nowhere to go. Nothing. Oh, I'm so tired—so sick and tired of everything!"

She burrowed into the soft pillows and drew together her relaxing limbs. Then she became conscious of her damp clothing and sat erect suddenly.

"Well, I don't want pneumonia and a hospital cot for a change, anyway," she laughed shortly, for usual-

ly with Gertrude Tyler a laugh was very near the surface. "I'll have a light and some dry clothes and then I'll make a cup of beef tea and see if life won't seem brighter."

Later, cuddled upon the couch again, with a soft-shaded light beside her and a new magazine accompanying the evening paper for her diversion.

"I ought to be ashamed of myself," she murmured, blushing beneath a reflection. "Think of the unliving women in army service abroad. Think of the soldiers in the trenches—and our own brave boys preparing to join them. But if I was even helping in this great cause, if I could be of service to even one—to even—"

As if in answer to her thoughts, a printed paragraph seemed to leap at her from a page of the evening paper.

"If any young lady wants to do her bit in heartening a soldier far from home, let her write to one of the undersigned. Cheerful letters are a god-

send in camp."

The communication of which these words formed the substance had been sent from a southern training camp and was signed with five masculine names. Gertrude read the names reflectively, trying to visualize their distant owners.

"Jeffrey Brinsmade," she said at last. "Jeffrey—I know one Jeffrey, long ago. I wonder where he is now. A little of tender recollection curved her lips, and her brown eyes gazed dreamily at the printed page.

"If I were going to write to any of these soldier boys, it would certainly be to Jeffrey Brinsmade. If—and why not?"

The thought grew to a desire, fervent, compelling. Putting aside her own loneliness and wistfulness, might she not through the power of friendly sympathy and whimsical gaiety contribute a little cheer and comfort to another lonely-wistful heart?

Gertrude reflected seriously. She knew a girl younger than herself, who was sending letters and little gifts to an adopted godson in France. She called herself his "narraine" and had even sent him a photograph of herself in evening dress.

Gertrude thought she liked the term "friend" better than "lover" and that it would be easier for her to write letters to an American soldier than to a foreigner. And I never would send my photograph, she decided. "It would seem too personal."

It was that very evening, with the rain pattering on the window-panes, that Gertrude wrote her first letter to Jeffrey Brinsmade. Gertrude was one of those persons who write better than they talk. Brought into actual contact with people, she was shy and reserved; and only her most intimate friends were made aware of her really delightful mental resources.

As she wrote her first letter to this

unknown Jeffrey, Gertrude's mind was turning to the days in a remote town; to the friends of those light-hearted years, and to Jeffrey Dunn.

A slow and awkward suit for her girlish favor this former's son had been. And even when he went to work in the new machine shop, and began to show signs of inventive skill and efficiency which made his employers speak well of him and his future prospects, Gertrude had seemed aloof and discouraging.

"And I—always liked, Jeffrey best; but it was easier to get on with the others," Gertrude sighed regretfully. "I guess I never really appreciated Jeffrey then." So she wrote in her letter tonight:

"I chose your name because I once knew a very nice young man called Jeffrey. And I never wrote him any letters either, only school-girl notes which he couldn't have thought very much of because I was always annoy-

ing him. I didn't mean it, though."

In her later letters, for this new correspondence grew and flourished, Gertrude expressed every phase of her whimsical spirit. She had come to enjoy this pastime deeply. But when it came to receiving word from her soldier friend that he was starting for the city and would call to see her.

There was no escape, however. One evening Gertrude, embarrassed and tremulous, crept down to the boarding house parlor to face a tall, stalwart figure in khaki.

She raised timid eyes from the brown outstretched hand to the bright smiling face. That square jaw, that shock of red-brown hair, those keen gray eyes—why should they all seem so familiar to her? Then, as the man's smile broadened, she knew.

"Jeffrey Dunn! But—I never wrote to you."

"Didn't you?" he answered heartily.

"I guess I've kept every one of your letters. I know I wrote to you."

"But the other—" faltered Gertrude. "Brinsmade? Why, he got other letters. And when he showed his yours, I appropriated it for myself. You see I was lonesome, too. So all your letters came to me and I answered them. But I didn't show your letters, Gertrude."

"And you didn't sign your own name," she retorted.

"It was so pleasant getting acquainted with an old friend."

"Then you knew. You remember me?"

Jeffrey Dunn looked at her earnestly. "I remember you, but I think I never knew you before, Gertrude. Your letters were wonderful to me."

"And yours—" breathed the girl. Her cheeks were pink, her eyes softly shining. "Oh," she said impulsively, "I'm glad it was you, Jeffrey Dunn!"

## The Result of Lost Temper

By Phil Moore

QUICKLY glancing through the morning mail, young Dr. Conway saw a letter that made his well-regulated heart beat in accelerated time; just a few fluttering palpitations due to the leaping thought: "She has written to me!" But, no. Second thought disproved this hopeful fancy. Emma Aden did not write a hand so boldly angular, and Emma Aden would not have used rose-pink note paper.

"My dear Dr. Conway—I hear you are back again, and I do hope you will be interested in the news of my graduation. The exercises will take place Thursday evening in Plover Hall.

"I shall be glad to see you there, and, of course, you will meet many other old friends at the same time. Yours very sincerely,

"ETHEL ADEN.

"P. S.—Please come if you can."

Ethel's graduation—yes, I remember she was looking forward to that event," mused the young physician. "Still, this invitation is quite unexpected. I wonder why she sent it."

He recalled the girl as he had seen her a few months ago—almost one year ago. Vivacious, willful, with brilliant coloring to match her exuberant spirits, Ethel Aden was a remarkable contrast to her sister Emma, who had always lived up to the descriptive phrase, "a little lady."

No one could remember Emma Aden when she had been anything but slim and mild and self-possessed. Her nut-brown hair was sleek as silk, severely parted and curled low at the back of her small head. Her nut-brown eyes reflected the purity and peace of the spirit within. Her voice was low and sweet like the humming of a bee, and she always wore soft

colors and an air of gentle dignity.

Dr. Birch Conway's attentions to the lovely Miss Aden had stirred much gossip in the town until his sudden departure, nearly a year ago, had ended it. And no doubt now the whole affair was forgotten. But the young physician had not forgotten. He had not forgotten Emma Aden, or his wretched hopes, or the bitterness of the time when he realized that the girl of his choice cared nothing for him. He had not forgotten the lively sister, Ethel, either; for they had been very good friends.

"I won't go," declared Dr. Conway, thinking of Emma, who had slighted him.

"I will go," he decided a moment later, thinking of Ethel and her mysterious invitation.

Plover Hall, lighted and decorated for the commencement exercises of

the town's high school, on Thursday evening, was crowded to the doors. Dr. Conway slipped into the gay scene as unobtrusively as possible, and took a seat on the far side where his dark head shrouded against the pale wall, was soon discovered by a pair of bright eyes belonging to one of the white-gowned girls sitting on the platform.

Ethel Aden, vivid and impressive as usual, acquitted herself brilliantly. She read an essay on "The Life Beyond" and a witty class poem which she had composed. While singing in the chorus later she managed to send a flashing smile to that side of the hall where a dark head was shrouded against the pale wall. And, a half-hour later, with ribbon-tied diploma in hand, and an armful of flowers, she dropped an old-fashioned courtesy before Dr. Birch Conway.

"I'm so glad you came!" Her dark eyes were sparkling and her cheeks crimson. She looked handsome tonight. The young man was stirred at sight of her.

"Ethel, you've grown up!" he teased. "The bird is a full-blown flower."

Her eyes fell to a bouquet of pink roses she was holding. "Thank you for your roses, Dr. Conway," she said with unusual shyness. Then she leaned nearer. "Have you seen Emma?" she asked.

"Only from a distance," replied the doctor, with sobered face.

"But you will speak to her? She knows you are here. But she doesn't know I wrote," said Ethel hastily. She looked into his gloomy eyes, then away, and motioned for him to step to one side.

"It's a queer place for confidences, but I must tell you something—to-

night. I'm afraid I've made mischief; I don't know how much." Ethel was speaking in low, restrained tones, and with her eyes downcast. "I hoped you and Emma would meet and be friendly tonight. But I've seen her—and I've seen you—and I know I must 'fess up."

She raised her eyes to meet his inquiring gaze with a palpable effort and smiled weakly. "Before you went away, Dr. Conway, you sent a letter to Emma. She never got it. I was angry with her just then and I took the letter. I thought it was only an invitation or something—nothing important, you know. I was very angry. And then you went away, and Emma seemed—oh, was it important?"

"It was very important," answered the young doctor, gravely. "And you destroyed it?"

"Yes," admitted the girl. "Oh, I was

so sorry. And when I was preparing my essay on 'The Life Beyond'—the wonderful new life waiting for us outside the school gates—I made up my mind I would start with a clear conscience, anyway. Now I've got my dark secret off my mind, are you going to forgive me?"

"I'm going to forgive you," said Dr. Birch Conway, promptly, smiling back. "And I'm going to see your sister Emma as soon as I can and tell her what I wrote in that letter."

And, almost before he had finished speaking, he was on his way toward a slim, cloud-gray figure that turned at his impetuous approach and met his warm look of greeting with kindling lights in the calm, nut-brown eyes. Watching, Ethel saw the two meet, waver and then pass out together into the languorous, moon-lighted June night.

## It Had Him Scorched Brown

By Elsie Endicott

IT was the last dinner at the club before Morley's marriage. There had been a high old time, a lot of food—a lot of wine (but not too much)—and some singing. But things quieted down early and about a half dozen had taken their leave.

Then Jack Phillips shook Morley's hand long and warmly, laid a brotherly hand on his shoulder and wished him all the happiness in the world. "You're a lucky old dog, Morley," he said half sadly as he turned away. "I don't see why it should be you though, you old pirate. Here's the rest of us foundering over our heads and no land in sight."

"You to talk that way," cried Morley. "You can't pull that any more, old man, I'm afraid. We know you!"

Phillips laughed a bit bitterly.

"Good-by, fellows. Sorry to leave,

but I promised Aunt Laura to drop in tonight. She's just got home." He was gone.

The men smoked under the low amaranth lights and no one spoke for a minute. The old crowd had hung together too many years to feel the necessity of speech, particularly just now when every one knew exactly what was in every one else's mind.

The longer I know him the more he puzzles me," finally said the host. This brought a volley of remarks.

"He could have anybody for the ask—know!"

"No, heart!"

"That's a mistake—its asbestos, that's all. Fire proof!"

"That's right, Charming. It is asbestos," cried Max Richards. "I'd have

sworn he was interested in that cousin of mine—don't you remember, Elsie Duncan, from Portland, who visited us last year? He took her to places and sent her enough flowers and candy to endow a hospital. She was crazy about him, too—you could see that with your eyes shut. One day they were going to motor to the Birmingham Club for the tennis finals when a telegram came from Phillips—a wireless, rather. It was out in the middle of the Atlantic; just took a notion and went. He was back in three weeks, but Elsie had gone home broken hearted."

"That's nothing," put in Spencer. "Mother and I were up at Lake Spinochee, in the White Mountains, two years ago, and there was a family there—you know them, but it doesn't matter—and the youngest girl, a tear-

ing beauty, was supposed to be engaged to Phillips. The chances are that she was just willing to be, for I don't think the man has it in him to do a dishonorable thing—he's just tentative and rather overdoes the gaudy cavalier act, that's all, and the girls get a wrong idea. Then the first thing anybody knew he had liked off that trip to Japan and the Philippines, you remember. The family had a fit."

"But just wait till I tell you about the—"

"—began Randolph, when little Chuck Wellington, sitting quietly in a big arm chair, sizes too big for him, leaned forward and laid his cigarette on a tray. "Look here, fellows, you're all good friends of Jack's. I know it, but an outsider would never guess it from the way you are gossiping. Now I'm going to tell you all some-

thing!"

There was an immediate hush. Wellington went on:

"I know Jack as well as I know myself. And I've been with him on a great many of his sudden and unexplained little journeys. I've promised secrecy, but there's a reason now why I can tell you a little. Jack isn't heartless, and neither is he asbestos. He's been misunderstood, that's all, and if girls fall in love with him because he's nice—he was always a good spender; we all know that—why, that isn't his fault. The truth of the matter is there is a girl and Jack's going to marry her when he finds her. He's been in love with her for five years!"

"What!" they cried in chorus.

Wellington's knuckles strained over his knees. "And I think—I hope—he's found her tonight. Poor Jack!"

"But who is she?" cried Max.

"Mary Gray!"

"Mary Gray! The little girl whose father kept the old antique shop in Hartford—the one his father stormed so much about when Jack told him about her?"

"Yes—that's the one. And when she heard of it she said she wasn't going to spoil Jack's life—so she slipped away when her father died and went to an old uncle—a trader—a roamer, who doesn't call any port home. It's the Esquimaux in Greenland for a few months, and then to Korea, Cape Town for awhile and the Colonies and then to Argentina. She couldn't have been better in a mountain cave than when she went with him. Jack's followed up every clue, only to find they'd gone a week or two before he'd get there. A tramp ship is the hard-

est thing in the world to find.

"And then Jack's aunt—Mrs. Haydon—thought it was time to help him. I happened to know she talked his father over and did some investigating on her own responsibility. It's cost her a lot. She's just got back from Hartford today and—"

Wellington stopped.

"That's where Jack went tonight, isn't it?" asked Morley.

"Yes. She brought Mary Gray home with her but Jack didn't know it when he left here." Wellington reached for his dead cigarette when the phone rang. He took it up instead.

"He's with her now," he said in a few minutes hanging up the receiver. "And, fellows, if you could hear him you wouldn't say he was asbestos. Love's got him scorched brown."



